

ITEM #: 13
DATE: 05-23-23
DEPT: ADMIN

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FY 2023/24 COMMISSION ON THE ARTS ANNUAL GRANT CONTRACTS

BACKGROUND:

The City Council authorized the Commission on the Arts (COTA) to allocate up to \$229,458 in arts agency funding for FY 2023/24. At the City Council's FY 2023/24 Budget Wrap-Up Session, the Council received COTA's recommendations for each arts agency totaling \$220,950. Additionally, COTA recommended reserving \$8,508 of its allocation to use for fall and spring special projects. The City Council has allocated funding in the FY 2023/24 Budget for these grants.

Contracts were prepared for each agency receiving a COTA annual grant. These contracts have been mailed to arts organizations and returned with signatures, and are now presented for City Council approval.

A summary of the COTA funding for each agency is attached.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the COTA Annual Grant contracts as recommended by the Commission on the Arts.
2. Request further information from COTA prior to approving these contracts.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The City Council has allocated funding in the City Budget to fund arts activities, and the Commission on the Arts has received applications and made awards that meet the criteria for COTA funding. Contracts are required to define the scope of services that will be met by each organization receiving funding. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.

2023 - 24 COTA Annual Grant Recommendations

Organization	22-23 Award	23-24 Amount Requested	23-24 COTA REC. AMOUNT
ACTORS	\$ 20,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 18,800
AIOFA	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,500
Ames Chamber Artists	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,000
Ames Children's Choirs	\$ 13,700	\$ 18,000	\$ 14,786
Ames Choral Society	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,900
Ames Community Arts Council	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 12,300
Ames Chapter of Des Moines Metro Opera Guild	\$ 1,190	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,474
Central Iowa Symphony	\$ 13,800	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,500
Dancer Dance Company Foundation	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Friends of Ames Strings	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,400
Good Company	\$ 1,880	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,200
India Cultural Association	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,700
KHOI	\$ 7,600	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,400
Kids CoMotion	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Octagon Center for the Arts	\$ 50,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 48,600
Senior Variety Show	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,900
Story Theater Company	\$ 30,500	\$ 39,663	\$ 31,940
The Buxton Initiative	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 8,000
Town & Gown	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,750	\$ 17,550
AGENCY SUBTOTAL	\$ 206,470	\$ 216,470	\$ 220,950
SPEC. PROJ. GRANT RESERVE	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 8,508
Total	\$ 216,470	\$ 216,470	\$ 229,458